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Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 12:08 PM
To: Tapia, Cecilia
Cc: Field, Jeff; Hoefer, David; Peterson, Mary; Hammerschmidt, Ron; Hooper, Charles A.
Subject: RE: Draft letter on H drive responding to data submitted from Dawn Chapman

Cecilia,

I have reviewed this letter and I strongly disagree with the proposed approach. If we try to help Ms. Chapman and her associates with this, we'll be giving their work credibility that it may or may not deserve. Also, if we help them and then reject future data submittals from them for any reason, their response will no doubt be that they were just doing what we told them to do.

Most importantly, simply giving someone guidance, or a QAPP or SOP for doing this work, does not by itself mean that the data generated will be acceptable. The people doing the work have to have the knowledge, skills and experience to understand the guidance and properly apply it. I am not aware that Dawn or Ed Smith have these. During the last CAG meeting on April 21, Dawn spoke from the audience to the USACE presenters and introduced herself as "a violinist and a mom" (actual quote) and subsequently stated of herself and her associates, "We know our shit" (another actual quote). I believe their recent submittal of the gamma pal data contradicts the second quote.

I strongly recommend that our letter generally identify the data quality issues and missing QA components resulting in the unusability of the data, identify EPA's QA framework document, and simply suggest that Ms. Chapman and her associates seek the assistance of a qualified third party to help them address the QA issues, operate this instrument and understand its results.


Sincerely,

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Principles and integrity are expensive, but they are among the very few things worth having.

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Can everyone take a look/edit so that we can send it out.

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